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SUBJECT: Nomination of Alternate U.S. Representative to the Oversight  
Committee for the Tropical Forest Conservation Act Fund in Guatemala

[1](#)1. This is an action cable.

[1](#)2. U.S. Embassy Guatemala nominates Luis Alejandro Pontaza  
Behrens, Chief Financial Management and Accountant Specialist  
of USAID Guatemala, as the Alternate U.S. Representative to  
the Oversight Committee established to monitor implementation  
of the debt-for-nature swap transactions pursuant to the  
Tropical Forest Conservation Act (TFCA). Mr. Pontaza will  
replace former Alternate Representative Ms. Jill Kelley, who  
has left post for a new assignment. A Section 208 Waiver has  
been completed for this nominee.

[1](#)3. Action request: Embassy Guatemala requests concurrence of  
this nomination of the Alternate Representative from: A.  
Department of the Treasury: TFCA negotiator, Office of Energy  
and Environment; B. Department of State: Director, Office of  
Environment and Natural Resource Conservation, Bureau for  
Oceans, International Environmental and Scientific Affairs;  
and C. U.S. Agency for International Development: Director,  
Office of Natural Resource Management.  
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